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Spying for Profit: A Disturbing Trend

The case of alleged Soviet spy John Anthony Walker Jr., together with his son and brother, is sure to set off some intense internal security investigations at Navy bases, on ships at sea and in defense plants.

If the Walkers are guilty, it will confirm a trend we reported on recently: a disturbing number of presumably loyal Americans are willing to sell out their country for a few rubles or whatever.

A recently completed Defense Intelligence Agency study illuminates this trend with thumbnail profiles of 18 Americans accused or convicted of espionage within the last 10 years.

The study, reviewed by our associate Tony Capaccio, makes it depressingly clear that there's no fail-safe security method against greed. Future traitors will probably continue to deal with the Soviets as long as the Kremlin pays well for the classified information.

Here are some of the accused Americans whose lust for the "good life" lured them into espionage, as profiled by the DIA:

■ Perhaps the case that most resembles the Walkers' is that of David Henry Barnett, a Central Intelligence Agency employe from 1958 to 1970. In 1976, he began selling the Russians names of CIA agents and other highly sensitive information; in 1979 he rejoined the CIA as a Soviet mole. He was uncovered the following year and was later convicted of espionage.

Barnett had been paid a grand total of \$25,000. "This case," the DIA study observes, "demonstrates that serious financial problems can cause an

individual to take extreme measures with apparently little or no forethought as to the consequences of the action to national security."

■ Lee Eugene Madsen, 24, a Navy yeoman assigned to the Defense Department's Strategic Warning Staff, was caught before he could do any harm. The Federal Bureau of Investigation learned that he had offered to sell information on drug traffic to an acquaintance, and the G-men nailed him when he showed up for the rendezvous.

They were astounded. "Unable to locate the documents on drug trafficking," the study said, Madsen "carried out from his work site seven top-secret documents dealing with intelligence assessments of the Near East and South Asia and interpretations of secret photographs."

Madsen pleaded guilty to espionage and drew eight years in prison. Why had he betrayed his country? "His roommate stated that [Madsen] needed money and intended to sell the documents to buy a new automobile," the DIA report said.

■ Christopher M. Cooke was an Air Force shavetail who was deputy commander of a nuclear missile crew in Kansas. He was observed making several visits to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, where he allegedly turned over classified nuclear information. Cooke gave a full confession in return for immunity, so he was never prosecuted.

"The extent of his activities and his true motives will probably never be known," the DIA said. "However, the Air Force was sufficiently concerned that they changed the codes for sending launch messages and they retargeted some of the missiles."